

Minutes
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION MEETING
March 11, 2020

Attendance

Members Present: Patrick Walker, Chris Babb, Katie Lawrence, Dennis Healy, Sarah Stankorb Taylor, Sarah Flem

City Staff: Terry Huxel (Staff Representative)

Approval of February 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The February 12, 2020 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Wyoming Recycling Rate Update

In the waste report, Terry reported that the city recycling rate has climbed to nearly 50%, reflecting revised methodology for counting leaf pick up.

There was no waste or recycling report available for review at this month's meeting. As a part of our efforts to promote recycling and environmental education, ESC coordinates tours of Rumpke's recycling facility. The date for the next tour will be determined in May, pulling from a standing list of people who have previously expressed interest in attending

The ESC also conducts Recycling Audits to help residents recycle properly. We will send out an email to collect more names of residents interested in participating in an audit.

Discussion

Green Your School

The ESC reviewed and discussed Green Your School proposals submitted by faculty and students of the Wyoming City Schools. The ESC provided feedback for each proposal in preparation of making final recommendations. The ESC also discussed potential modification to the initiative to drive more participation.

Green Business Award

In 2019, we introduced the Green Business Award, and awards were given to Tēla, Ascension and Holy Trinity Church, and Wyoming Community Coffee in recognition of their efforts. We discussed setting the deadline for application to April 3, 2020, with review of the applications at a subsequent ESC meeting, targeting the May 18, 2020 City Council meeting for recognition. The ESC encourages all Wyoming businesses to apply for the award.

Urban Forestry Events

The Urban Forestry & Beautification Commission is holding a volunteer day in Stearns Woods on April 4, 2020. The ESC encourages residents to volunteer for this event.

Rain Garden

A communication announcing a day for the maintenance of the Rain Garden will be drafted, targeting May for the event.

Miscellaneous

The ESC also discussed:

- Planning a communication about removing invasive Honeysuckle
- The ESC noted that Hamilton County has created the *513 Green Workplace Certification Program* (http://www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org/businesses/513_green_workplace_certification) This is an area of potential future collaboration.
- We reviewed a video by Patrick Walker about managing Stormwater run-off around the home